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- Dec. 24. 68. Minute, in Burghley's hand, of an Order in Council touching the matters in controversy between the clothiers of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Somerset, and the Merchants Adventurers.
- Dec. 27. 69. Lawrence Tomson to Mr. Sec. Davison. Thanks for his endeavours in his behalf, but he is not desirous of other public employment, never having received any remuneration for his former services. Supposes it to be the will of God that his labors and travails should be lost, so he takes it as thankfully as if his mouth had not been muzzled.
- Dec. 28. 70. Examination and confession of Alice Lake, wife of Osmond Lake, Vicar of Ringwood, Southampton, concerning certain words spoken and reported by Edward Eaton against Her Majesty, declaring that her days should not be long; and examination of Edward Eaton.
- Dec. 31. 71. Wm. Waad to Sec. Davison. The Council would meet that evening to sign the orders concerning the relief of the poor and for serving the markets with corn.
Greenwich.
- December. 72. The names of Priests committed to sundry prisons, with annotations (in Tho. Phelipp's hand) suggesting various punishments:—Ralph Ithell, *mete to be hanged*; John Baldwin, *to be banished*; Jonas Meredith, *worthy to be hanged*; John Adams and John Lowe *are hanged alredeye*. Such as are noted to be banished are fittest therefor, because exceeding poor and contentious.
- December.] 73. Copy of the first part of the above, with additional information of divers priests abroad, whereof some are more perilous than those in prison.
- December? 74. N. B[erden?] to Thomas Phellipps. Sends lists of all the Priests, Jesuits, and Recusants, in several prisons; their names and demerits, and suggestions for various degrees of punishment; some to be hanged, some to be banished; nearly all fit for the gallies or the gallows. Indorsed by Phellipps, "*Information concerning all the preestes in London imprisoned; from Berden.*"
- March? 75. Nicholas Berden to same. Was at the French Ambassador's on Thursday, where there were Lady Compton and Lady Strange, with young Thomas Jarrett attending upon them. There was there also Francis Tresham, son of Sir Thomas Tresham. Solicits the release of Raphe Byckley, seminary priest, from the Gatehouse, and Richard Sherwood, *alias* Carlton, from the Compter, for whose release he should receive a sum of money, which he is much in want of.
Bedlam.
- Dec. 76. Brief note of the charge of the earthworks at Portsmouth, under the direction of Wm. Pers.
- Dec. 77. The catalogue of certain special popish books found in Barber's house at Oxford.